

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1732  
PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

John E. EBY et al. )

Serial No.: 09/287,631 )

Filed: April 7, 1999 )

For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING )  
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND )  
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE )  
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL )  
APPEARANCE )

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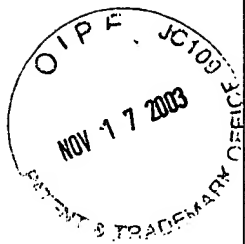
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the final Office Action of July 15, 2003, the period for response having been extended one month to November 17, 2003 (the actual due date of November 15, 2003 being a Saturday) by the petition and fee filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

All claims and amendments are shown here in accordance with the revised requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 for submitting amendments.



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